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near Balchik

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A coastal artillery installation is located about 800 meters south of Balchik military airfield and just east of the town of Balchik.

an attachment to this report, a sketch of the installation.
Legend for the sketch is as follows:

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1. Streets in Balchik;
2. Sailors' barracks; 12x8 meters;
3. Guard shack and sentry post;
4. Soldiers' barracks; about 75 troops live here;
5. Mess hall and training building;
6. Supply warehouse;
7. the piece of equipment at this point a circular-shaped revolving mirror about 1 meter in diameter mounted on a small Zis-5 truck. approaching planes were spotted with this "mirror." Next to the "mirror" was a gun with a barrel about 3 meters long.
8. Location of an underground electric engine. A guard is on duty here at all times and entrance to the underground room is forbidden except to authorized personnel. Two pipes project above ground here.
9. Machine gun position. Firing exercises against aerial tow targets are carried on from here. Machine guns used can easily be carried by two men.
10. Heavy machine gun.
- 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Underground concrete shelters 6x3 meters. In front of these shelters in circular-shaped concrete emplacements are 5 automatic guns whose barrels are about 4 meters long. A telephone apparatus is located next to each gun. The guns are connected by an underground cable to the electrical engine room shown as No. 8.
- 16 and 17. Underground concrete shelters about 80 meters long. Dining rooms, living quarters and study rooms are located in these shelters. There are steel doors at each end of the shelters.
18. Underground ammunition dump. Surrounded by barbed wire and under constant guard.

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- 19. Sentry post;
- 20. Sailors' barracks;
- 21 and 22. Warehouse, about 25x6 meters; surrounded by barbed wire;
- 23 and 24. Trudovak barracks;
- 25. Fortification line; includes a number of one-soldier firing positions.

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Sketch showing the position of the coast guard battery
near BALCHIK

